

H0-490

Lisbon Post Office (1978)

circa 1922

Lisbon

Private

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A one story high, two bay wide, gabled roof (running north-south) three car garage extends north from the building's north wall, which originally was used to house milk trucks and later fire engines.

Today used for the Lisbon Post Office, established on March 9, 1815, discontinued in 1816 and reestablished in 1827, originally housed at Lee's Store and House, H0-205., the building offers a social focal point to the town.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-490  
District 4  
MAGI #1404905701

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Lisbon Post Office

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

(Frederick Road)  
NE Corner of Route 144 and Pancoast Alley

CITY, TOWN

Lisbon

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland 21765

COUNTY

Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT

☐ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES RESTRICTED Private Residence

☒ YES UNRESTRICTED Post Office

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER Post Office

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Frank L. Warner

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

NE Corner of Route 144 and Pancoast Alley

CITY, TOWN

Lisbon

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21765

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE Tax Map 7, p. 239

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Hall of Records

Liber #: 172

Folio #: 382

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978-1979

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lisbon Post Office Building faces south on the northeast corner of Route 144 and Pancoast Alley. It is a three bay wide, three bay deep, two story high, gabled roof (running north-south) frame building (covered with aluminum siding), whose south elevation features a two story high, shed roofed portico, supported by four doric columns, as well as a parapet which gives the building the feeling of a mid-west town. Rectangular, first floor south entrances are located on the east and west sides of the south elevation which features a four light, squarish window east of the west corner entrance and a two-over-two light, double-hung rectangular window, just west of the east corner south entrance. Four poured-in-place concrete steps lead to the cement landing, running along three fourths of the south elevation. Above rest two second floor windows; on the west a rectangular, double-hung, two-over-two light, window; on the east a picture window, flanked by rectangular, double-hung windows of the same height, holding one-over-one lights.

The east elevation of the building holds a central rectangular entrance, flanked by rectangular, two-over-two light windows, which is covered by a shed roofed portico, supported by two square posts. Three poured-in-place concrete steps on the south lead to the wooden landing of the portico.

Above rest three second floor, rectangular, double-hung, two-over-two light windows. Those located at each end are vertically aligned to the windows below. All are proportionally scaled.

The west elevation of the building holds two tall, rectangular, first floor, windows with two-over-two lights and three similar second floor windows. That in the north bay is smaller and holds one-over-one lights, rather than two-over-two. All three second floor windows are covered by aluminum awnings.

The north elevation holds three rectangular, double-hung, second floor windows. The central bay window holds six-over-three lights, while those at each side hold two-over-two. A one story high, gabled roof (running north-south), three bay frame (covered with aluminum siding) garage extends from the entire north wall of the building. It holds two rectangular, two-over-two light windows on its east wall and one similar window on its west wall. Each of the three garage entrances, located on its north wall, hold six horizontal lights. A square brick chimney rises from the north west corner and south east corner of the building, which is in excellent condition.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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District 4

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY: (local history)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lisbon Post Office Building of 1978 is significant historically and architecturally to the town of Lisbon, Howard County and to the state of Maryland.

It is important in the development of Lisbon as an example of an early twentieth century building, constructed circa 1922, in the early nineteenth century village of Lisbon, and historically as a part of that era in the town's history.

Architecturally, the building is a rather simple, straight forward, two story high, frame (covered by aluminum siding) building, featuring a gable roof (running north-south), covered by a parapet on its south facade, reminiscent of the early days of the west.

The building's south facade also features a two story high, shed roofed portico, supported by four tall wooden columns, which initially held an open second floor veranda. This veranda, with its rectangular second floor south entrance, was eliminated when the entire building was remodeled circa 1974, though the two story high portico remains. A large second floor picture window, flanked by double-hung, rectangular windows of the same height, rests on the east side of this facade, along with a smaller double-hung second floor window on the west.

The present first floor entrances, as well as the parapet, appear the same in the photograph featured in The Times, Ellicott City article in three parts, "Out of the Past: Lisbon," written by Mrs. Celia Holland, local historian, before the 1974 remodeling.

In addition to its individual character and significance to the town of Lisbon, lending an air of the Old West, it also is representative, along with the facade of Lee's Store and House, HO-205, the Leamon House, HO-200 and the Martin Slagle House, HO-485 of the construction and/or stylistic architectural elements occurring in the early decades of the twentieth century.

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Not only is its representation in this period of Lisbon's architectural history important, but its location is of two fold importance to the small village, being located 1) on the north east corner of Pancoast Alley and Route 144, providing a strong architectural element for that corner and 2) serving as a link in the streetscape along the north side of Route 144, between two strong architectural elements, the Roy Martin House, HO-229 and the Old Female School, HO-230.

Historically this property was once a part of the whole block of eight lots owned by Margaret Hekrotte, who ran the Old Lisbon Female School, HO-230, just east of the Post Office Building. By 1916 this block of eight lots had been acquired by Mr. Hartsock, who sold the property to Clarence Gosnell, who a year later sold it to Martin Slagle.

Martin Slagle lived in the Old Lisbon Female School, the only building(s) then on the parcel of eight lots, composing two acres, until he built his house, just east of it, HO-485, the Martin Slagle House. Having no more use for the Old Lisbon Female School, HO-230, he sold it to John E. Coursey and his wife Carrie, who made it their home and sold the adjoining lot west, on the north east corner of Pancoast Alley and Route 144, the site of the present Post Office to John H. Grimes and his wife Mary. They constructed the present Post Office Building. In 1941, the building was bought by Mr. Frank and Reba Warner, because it was a good place for Mr. Warner's broom shop, machinery and regular repair shop.

Later the building housed milk trucks, which were the first to haul homogenized milk, with the apartment upstairs being used by the man who ran the milk trucks, and was used briefly circa 1945 for the Lisbon Fire Department. After the fire trucks left, there was concrete put in, and a cinder block wall divided the shop from the garage, Today it houses Lisbon's Post Office, established on March 9, 1815, discontinued in 1816 and reestablished in 1827. The first Post Master was Benjamin G. Sides, while the present Post Mistress is Mrs. Lorraine Clary. Mrs. Frank Warner served 17½ years as postmaster from 12-1-55 to 6-30-73. Originally the Post Office was located at Lee's Market, briefly at HO-202 The Mayne Log-Brick House and for a short time at the Liquor Store on the south side of Route 144, just west of Route 94. It is now housed in the present building.

Architecturally and historically significant to the town of Lisbon and the state of Maryland, this building, in conjunction with the entire town of Lisbon, should be placed on the National Register of Historic Sites and the State Critical Area's Program.

Note: The house was in very bad condition in 1941. During Mrs. Warner's tenure as Postmaster, the house got new siding, heating and other inside work. The upper porch became very dangerous, so now you have the Lisbon Post Office as of 1974, now run by Mrs. Clary, but still owned by Mrs. Warner.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Letter from Mrs. Reba Warner, received April 25, 1979.  
Howard County Land Records

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June 7, 1973

Interview with Mrs. Clary, Postmistress, November 1, 1978  
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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.25 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 7, p. 239

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 172 Folio 382

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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The post office was entered from East side until the porch could be put in and this work done inside.

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A picture of Post Office when bought from Mr. Grimes by Frank & Reba Warner in Sept 41

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order this porch was ground 10 floor and after Post Office came to Mrs Warner Dec 1 1955 this porch was built finished 1958

Broom  
shop



side entrance to office

Post Office

Lisbon's present Post Office is reminiscent of early buildings found in the old West.



This was rented  
3 yrs. for Harbor  
Shop. Now closed  
no more renting  
or Repair work.

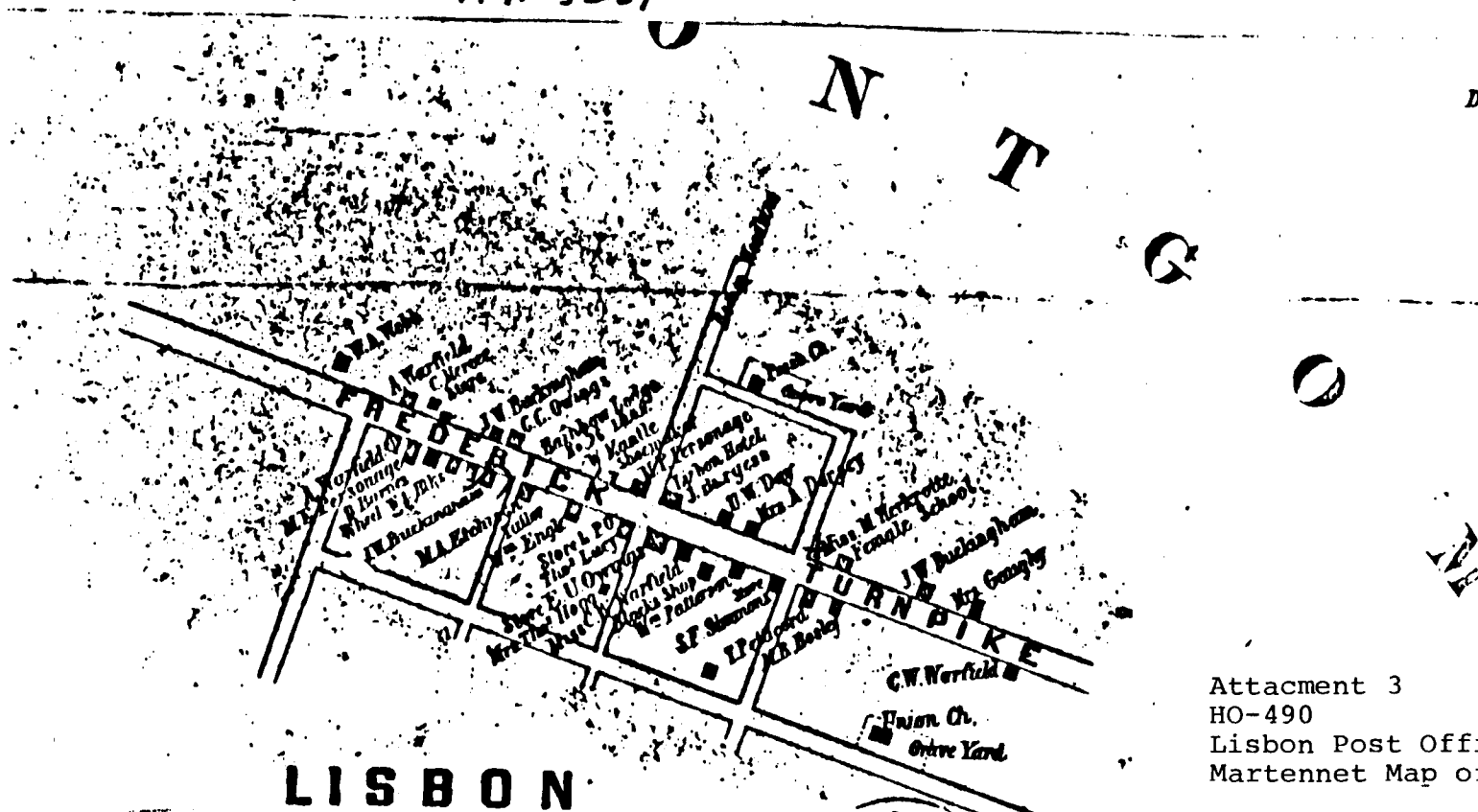
US POST OFFICE  
LISBON MO 61760

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Attachment 1  
HO-490  
Lisbon Post Office (1978)  
Tax Map 7

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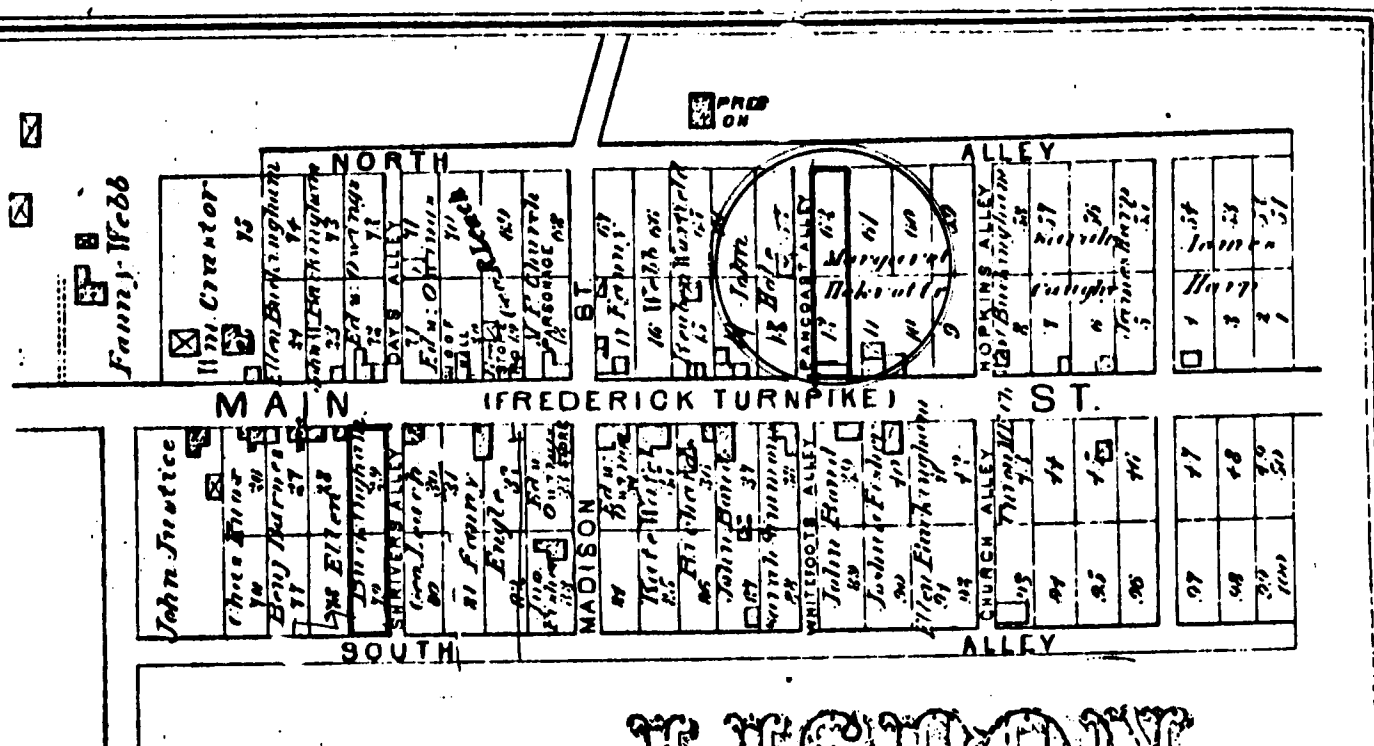
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Lisbon Post Office (1978)  
Martennet Map of 1860

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Attachment 4  
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 Lisbon Post Office (1978)  
 Hopkin's Atlas of 1878

**LISBON**

Scale 300 feet per inch

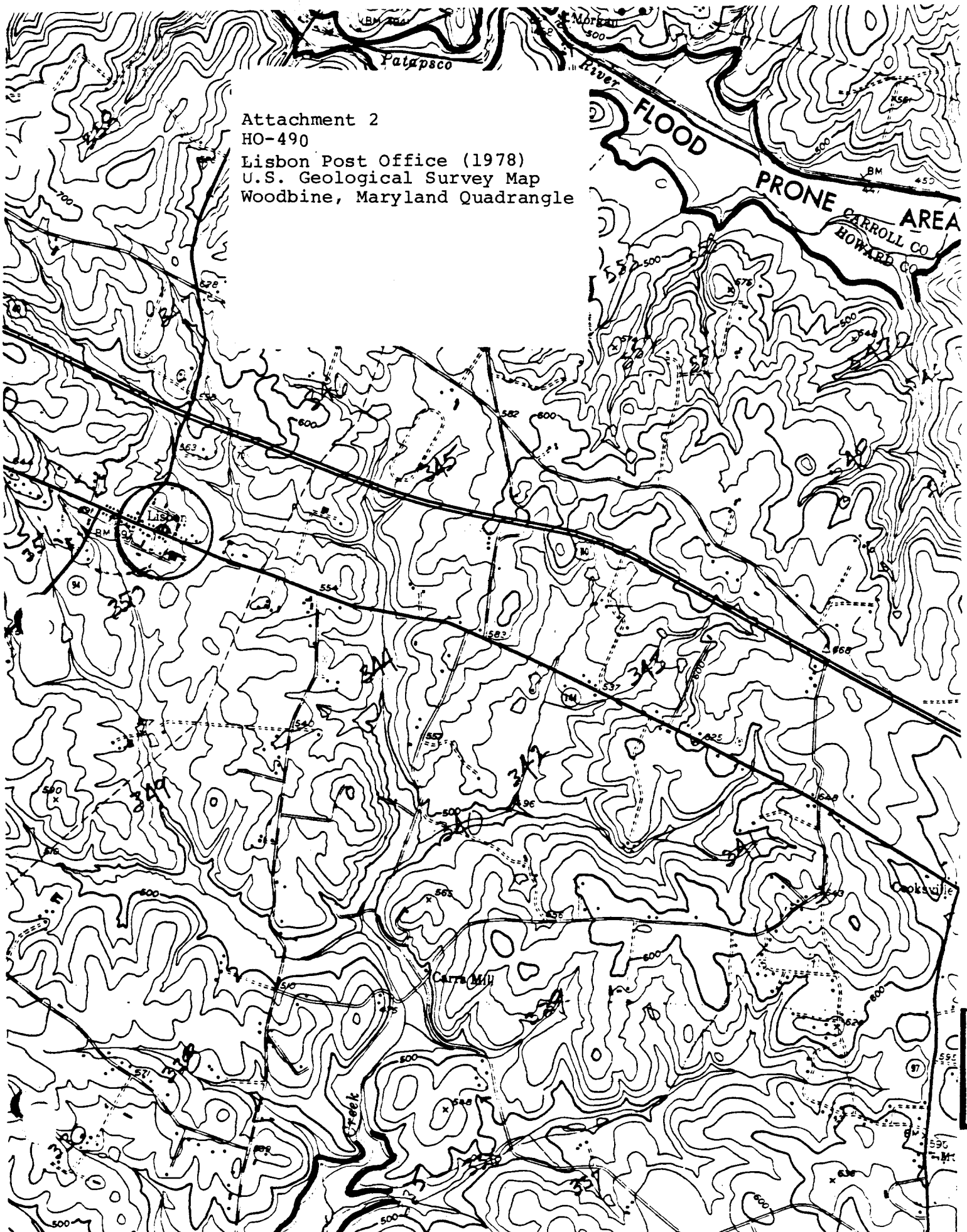
Lisbon District, No. 4

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Hopkins, Atlas of Howard County, 1878

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Attachment 2  
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Lisbon Post Office (1978)  
U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Woodbine, Maryland Quadrangle



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Lisbon Post Office

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April 16, 2004  
Digital color photo on file at MHT





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CB THOMPSON, A.I.C.P